



California Attorney General Kamala Harris is cracking down on cyber-exploitation.

UNITED STATES

THE BEST REVENGE

California's top cop Kamala Harris is leading the charge against "revenge porn"

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Kamala Harris scored a major victory this spring when Kevin Bollaert, who ran the website ugotposted.com, was sentenced to 18 years in prison for posting more than 10,000 sexually explicit photos (known as "revenge porn") online and demanding \$250 to \$350 from victims to remove the images. It was the first case of its kind in the U.S.—and Harris has done it again: In May, Casey Meyering, who ran the revenge-porn site winbystate.com, pled no contest to extortion and other charges. Here, Harris discusses the toll on victims, how she got tech firms to change their policies, and her run for U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer's seat in 2016.

MARIE CLAIRE: You're not a fan of the term "revenge porn." Why is that?

KAMALA HARRIS: The word *revenge* suggests there is a legitimate reason to lash out. And *porn* suggests the victim intended [the images] would be distributed publicly. Those terms also invite judgment about the morals of the women, when, in fact, they're victims.

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BY THE NUMBERS:

NEW DATA FROM THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS SHOW THE GENDER PAY GAP STILL EXISTS. OVERALL, WOMEN EARN 82.1% OF WHAT MEN DO. HERE ARE THE MOST BEWILDERING GAPS:

% = PERCENTAGE OF MEN'S SALARY WOMEN MAKE

62.2% PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS

MC: What message do you hope Kevin Bollaert's conviction sent?

KH: This case removes any ambiguity about what's against the law. It also makes clear that a computer can be as lethal as a weapon. Anyone sitting at home with the anonymity of a laptop should be very clear that that will not immunize them from arrest, prosecution, and prison.

MC: What did you see in the trial that drove home the seriousness of this crime?

KH: The consequences of this crime are lifelong. Victims walk around not knowing who has seen the photos and how they are being judged. We had women who were interviewing for jobs and they never got an offer and later realized it was because the prospective employer had seen the images. We had one woman who was suicidal, and others who suffered from deep, clinical depression.

MC: Reddit, Twitter, and Facebook have all recently said exploitative images will no longer be tolerated. Are you to thank?

KH: I think so. I asked some online companies to come in for a meeting about how we could create a safer environment online. Many companies really want to lead on this issue because this is the reality of innovation: You create something new that has incredible benefits, but then you see there's another side. We want to minimize, if not eliminate, the harm that can come as a result.

MC: You're running for Congress. What women's issues would you take on?

KH: I'm focusing on the economy, and women's issues are economic issues. The majority of minimum-wage workers are women, who also disproportionately have a responsibility to take care of children and senior relatives. Also, when we talk about crimes against women, the Violence Against Women Act is a very important law that needs to be highlighted and renewed. And we need work on universal pre-K. So there are a lot of issues, but that's for the next interview!



Three Skateistan students in Kabul, 2014.

AFGHANISTAN THAT'S HOW WE ROLL

Who says girls can't skateboard?

IN A COUNTRY where it's still taboo to see a woman behind the wheel or on a bicycle, Skateistan is putting girls on boards. When the skating and education nonprofit launched in Kabul in 2008, founder Oliver Percovich learned that unlike in the West, where Tony Hawk reigns, Afghans had no idea skateboarding is often considered a "boys' sport," so they signed up their daughters, too. Though it welcomes children ages 5 to 17 of all genders, a point of pride for Skateistan is that nearly half of its students are girls. "When people see an Afghan girl rolling down a skate ramp for the first time, something changes," Percovich says. "She's no longer pitied, but respected." Skateistan now has two locations in the country, plus another in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and has plans to open a new location in Johannesburg this month. —Vivian Giang



MY MEDIA DIET

MIKA BRZEZINSKI, COHOST OF MSNBC'S MORNING JOE, AUTHOR, AND FOUNDER OF "KNOW YOUR VALUE"

4:30AM

In the car on the way to film the show, I check **TWITTER**, specifically @msnbc, my cohost Joe Scarborough's feed @joenbc, and my husband's @NYCinvestigates.

5AM

I read **POLITICO** because it is important to be as up-to-date as possible on political news before walking onto the set. I need to be on my A game.

6AM

THE SKIMM, which is easy to, ahem, skim through during breaks. I love the format and the quickness of the e-mails.

12PM

This past year, I became an influencer for **LINKEDIN** and have found that it is an amazing resource for articles written by knowledgeable, experienced veterans across all different fields. They're informal, yet informative.

7PM

HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS: I love Chris' energy, and it is the perfect bookend for my day (I try to go to bed around 9 p.m., if possible, so I'm ready for my early-morning alarm!).

WEEKEND

MEET THE PRESS is a great way to wrap up the weekend and get me back into *Morning Joe* mode for the next day. My other staple is *60 Minutes*, which has always been a part of my family's Sunday routine.

BY THE NUMBERS CONTINUED

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61.3% PERSONAL FINANCIAL ADVISERS

65.1% SECURITIES, COMMODITIES & FINANCIAL SERVICES SALES AGENTS